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VBS 2011— Shake It Up Café



Vacation Bible School 2011
July 10 - 14
All ages



In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids **explore the Bible** as a cookbook filled with recipes for **living out God's word**. Through **interactive lessons**, that are easy for kids to **apply to their lives** today, boys and girls will celebrate **biblical festivals** that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.

- **Be ready for God** • **Give happily to God** • **Believe fully in Jesus** • **Remember Jesus often**

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Recreation Leaders, Bible Storyteller, Actors (Israelite Woman, Jesus, Townspeople, Disciples, Peter), Foodology Factory Leader (Science Lab), Craft Leader, Snack Helpers, Servers (Young Elementary, Middle Elem., Upper Elem. Leaders), and Cafe Photographer.

Please see VBS Director Dianne Hooten to volunteer or for more information.

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The Pastor's Pen



In a March newsletter from the "Presbyterians for Renewal" ministries, there is a professor who said he had received a Christmas card that displayed nine different men on the front. Alexander the Great was one of those pictured, along with King Tut, Julius Caesar, and Adolph Hitler, to name a few. For good or for bad, nine people of great historical importance were displayed. The quote underneath said, "History is crowded with men who would be gods..." Then the professor opened the Christmas card to find only one person pictured inside, Jesus Christ. The quote underneath his picture said, "... but only one God who would be human."

Isn't it wonderful to know that God became a human being? It is awe-inspiring and life-changing to know that God came to Earth in the form of a person to be with other persons. We believe in a God who cared enough to make us, and also cared enough to live with us. He cared to give guidelines to our lives, and an Example to follow; and then that Example, Christ himself, gave up his life so he may free us of our sin once and for all.

AND, let us not forget what God did for us through his Son Jesus, as we look forward to the holiday at the end of this month. Easter... Jesus' resurrection... Our birthday into the kingdom of God. God the Son, who would be human, chose to give up his life so we can have new life.

Do you think any of those other "men who would be gods" could have done such a thing? Those nine people on that Christmas card had great names and titles, but they were too concerned about themselves to secure their own places in history. They built up and tore down civilizations. They moved their agendas forward that either benefited or caused suffering for people.

However, Jesus Christ, through whom and for whom all things were created, including history, did not assume to be a Big Guy or "that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privilege of deity and took on the status of a slave [which those nine great historical figures and many more like them would never have done]." Jesus came human! "He stayed human. It was an incredible humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death – and the worst kind of death at that – a crucifixion" (Eugene H. Peterson, *The Message*, 1727 (Philippians 2:5-8)).

"History is crowded with men who would be gods, but only one God who would be human." All of this, just for you and me. By Christ's death and resurrection, we do not become gods but perfect human beings, without spot, without pain, without struggle. Better to have this than anything those nine prominent figures had.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Allie Brandon (Southern Regional), Susan & Charlie Brown (Dianne Hooten's sister & Mary Butler's daughter), Family of Ed Campbell (relative of Terry & Margie Williams), Wes Basham, Darnell Bell, Jo Bevil, Becky Busby, Jo Calhoun, John & Jean Costa, Fannie Crain, Rev. Tom Dews, Jimmy Dixon, Lei Eason, Hazel Fink, Kathey Fox, Connie Funk, Connie Godsey, Jean Hale, Euna Hammond, Kelley Harden, Barbara Kelly, Charles Lester, Pat Marble, Carol McGhee, Bernard Mock, David Moss, Meredith Murray, Anne Nixon, Gladys Oliver, Sonny Oswalt, Jean Peacock, Lori Pullan, Stacey Rape, Beverly Reaker, Gordon Richardson, Nery & Luis Saavedra, Lloyd Sanders, Viola Shell, Janet Spencer-Scott, Valerie Sterzik, Bob Stovall, Margaret Strelsky, Christian Stutz, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Jane Thrailkill, Michael Thrailkill, Becky Tri, George Venizelos, Virginia & Beth Wheeler, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott Bland - Navy, Virginia; Shaun Bland - Navy, Georgia; Stephen Brown - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin Brown - Army - basic training, Fort Sill, OK; Jeffrey & Maribel Brown - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy Butler - Morocco; Robert Crain, Tennessee; Chaplain Jim DeCamp, Ft. Gillem; PVT Joseph Eason, Germany; Kevin Krebs, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. Lillegard, Ft. Campbell, KY; Adam Martin, Afghanistan; SGT Edward "Buddy" McKenzie, III, - Milledgeville; Cole Springer - Army basic training, Columbus, GA; AIC Richard Venizelos - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin Warlick - Ft. Lewis, WA.

Christian Love and Sympathy to...

...**Maria Cruz and family on the death of her brother, Manny Costa**, on March 20, 2011. Please remember Maria, Felix, Franky, Jasmin, Justin and other family members in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

...**Terry & Margie Williams and Brenda Campbell and family on the death of Ed Campbell**, on March 30, 2011. Please keep this family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Spotlight on Berniece Lillegard



PW Spotlight on our Church / PW Historian. "Give of your hands to serve and your hearts to love." Mother Teresa

Do you know that we have someone in our church who has served as the Presbyterian Women's Historian and Church Historian for about 14 years now? Every year, she keeps a record of births, deaths, marriages, new members, and dismissals of members. She also keeps up with the projects of the Presbyterian Women, Sunday School, Youth, and Church Officers. She keeps a list of MPC Leaders such as the Elders, Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, Sunday School teachers, Youth Leaders, Music Director, and

Church Organist. She files all bulletins, newsletters, and sends a report to the Historical Society every January.

Berniece Lillegard has held that office for a long time now and has never sought any recognition or award. Berniece became a member of MPC in 1994 with her husband, Don. She has served as a Dorcas Chair in the past and has helped raise money for the Habitat for Humanity, Madagascar Wells, goats for Haiti, and the curtains for our fellowship hall. Berniece is very active in the service of our church. Aside from being the Church Historian, she is currently one of the Dorcas Circle Co-Chairs together with Mary Nell Winkles and Lucie Cantrell. She volunteers as a Pastor's Aide, Church Usher, and enjoys going out with the Young at Heart. It is said that the fruit of love is service. Berniece has a wonderful heart for service, and Morrow Presbyterian Church is grateful for it. If you are interested in reading our church's history, a copy is available in the library.

Community Renewal

The Kingdom of God

May 1, 2, and 3

6 p.m. Catered Dinner 7:15 p.m. Worship

This year our Community Renewal Services will be on consecutive evenings. Combined choirs will sing each night. The theme will be "The Kingdom of God." The schedule will be as follows:

May 1 - Morrow First United Methodist

Dr. John Callahan preaching.

May 2 - First Baptist Church of Morrow

Dr. Ed Judy preaching

May 3 - Morrow Presbyterian Church

Dr. Peter Rhea Jones preaching

Young-at-Heart News



The Young at Heart Group will travel to Charleston, SC on April 26-28 to visit Fort Sumter, Magnolia Plantation Gardens, Patriot's Point, and take a guided tour through the Historic District.

Transportation, lodging, and attractions are included at \$225 per person double occupancy. Additional cost for single occupancy. Continental breakfast at hotel.

For additional information, or to make reservations, contact Ken Campbell at 770-961-2272.

Thanks to Bill Hearn!



Many thanks to Bill Hearn for the wonderful concert he gave on Sunday, March 13, following a luncheon, and for sharing his beautiful talent with the congregation. His concert was music to the soul...Bravo!!



Jim & Ruth DeCamp



Jim will be retiring from the Army on May 5. After that, we will be living in the Indianapolis area near our children and grandchildren. We are still eagerly waiting to see what God has for us in the next season of our lives. At this point, it is still a mystery, but He has always been faithful, and we have every confidence He will continue to be.

Thank you, dear friends at Morrow Presbyterian Church, for the love and friendship you have shown us during our nearly four years here. It has been a great blessing to be part of your family. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him together.

Jim & Ruth DeCamp

Children's Church

God has been guiding all these wonderful children. As you witnessed on Sunday, March 13, they have grown physically and mentally. We pray that God will continue to grow in their hearts and guide us in leading them as each child is very precious to us at MPC.

Gordon & Shirley Richardson and Connie Bell



Scones & Fables Update

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our Scones & Fables this year. We raised \$1613!!! Without the delicious BBQ, wonderful, baked goods, as well as the books, we simply wouldn't have made as much. It takes a whole church to have a successful event.

— From Ben & Marcia Cartledge

Relay for Life

Have you signed up for Relay for Life yet? Ben Cartledge is signing up anybody who wants to walk at least 30 minutes or more on Friday, May 13. You can sign up to be a "Cross-Walker" directly at www.relayforlife.org/claytonga. Remember to bring your picnic supper to the track and have a fun evening visiting with other members and friends there. It's a great family night, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Baskets & More—May 1

Baskets & More is coming on Sunday, May 1 following the worship service. If you plan to enter one or more items, please contact Susie Grant or Marcia Cartledge. The proceeds from this event will go toward our Relay for Life Team to help fight cancer.

Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch - May 7, 11 a.m.

This year the theme for our Mother's Day Luncheon table settings is the "Liturgical Calendar." Below is a listing of the available feast, events, and holidays on our Presbyterian Calendar:

Epiphany / Transfiguration Sunday / Lent

Ash Wednesday / Palm Sunday

Good Friday

Maundy Thursday / Pentecost / Trinity Sunday /

World Communion Sunday

Advent /

Christ the King Sunday / Ordinary Time /

Reformation Sunday

If you (or a group of people) would be interested in setting a table for the luncheon, please contact Deborah Venizelos or Mary Ann Moriles. If you would like more information on any of these holidays, you can contact Deborah Venizelos.